

Protect Yourself and Your Baby. Get Your Pertussis Vaccine!

Whooping cough is a serious disease for infants

Pertussis (whooping cough) cases still occur throughout the U.S and in Michigan. Pertussis is most dangerous for infants. Over half of babies less than 1 year of age with pertussis are hospitalized.

Vaccinated mothers pass on protection to unborn infants

Tdap vaccine helps protect a pregnant mom and her baby from whooping cough and its complications.

After receiving your Tdap vaccine, your body creates protection against whooping cough which lasts through your baby's first few months of life.

Vaccines during pregnancy are safe and effective

Pregnant women should get Tdap **during each pregnancy** between 27 and 36 weeks gestation, preferably earlier in this time period.

Getting vaccinated during pregnancy is 85 percent more effective than when moms get the vaccine after pregnancy*.

*Baxter et al. Pediatrics, (2017)



Surround your baby with vaccinated people

Infants cannot get their own whooping cough vaccine until 2 months of age.

The best way to protect infants is to vaccinate those around them including parents, siblings, grandparents, child care workers, and health care personnel.

About 50 percent of pregnant women get their Tdap shot each year - time to bump it up!

Talk to your healthcare provider today about all vaccines needed during pregnancy to protect you and your baby.

For more information visit:

- michigan.gov/immunize
- ivaccinate.org
- immunizationforwomen.org
- frannystrong.org